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SUBJECT:PREMIER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO'S
LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 1974:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IT GIVES ME MUCH PLEASURE
TO RECALL THAT DURING MY LAST VISIT TO WASHINGTON AS A
GUEST OF THE USG A FEW YEARS AGO, YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH
TO HONOR ME WITH YOUR COMPANY AT A WHITE HOUSE DINNER.
OF COURSE, I ALWAYS FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST AND ADMIRA-
TION YOUR BRILLIANT CAREER IN CONGRESS, ESPECIALLY AS
THE MINORITY LEADER. THE SELFLESS AND UNTIRING EFFORTS
MADE BY YOU IN FULFILLING THE DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENCY
UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES FURTHER ENHANCED MY
RESPECT FOR YOUR STATESMANSHIP. FOLLOWING YOUR ASSUMP-
TION OF THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA REJOICE WITH ALL THE
ALLIES AND FRIENDS OF THE US AT YOUR REDEDICATION TO
THE NOBLE IDEALS OF WHICH YOUR GREAT NATION WAS FOUNDED.
YOUR PLEDGE OF OPENNESS AND CANDOR CERTAINLY ASSURES
US A FAIR DEAL IN THE FURTHERANCE OF OUR FUTURE

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RELATIONS.

3. THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES
ARE DEVOTED TO THE QUEST FOR PEACE AND WELFARE OF MANKIND.

IN THIS PILGRIMAGE, WE HAVE TO ENCOUNTER MANY FLAWS AND
PITFALLS BECAUSE THERE ARE FORCES PULLING THE WORLD TO
OTHER DIRECTIONS. THE MORAL AND MATERIAL STRENGTH OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAS ESTABLISHED THE US AS THE
INDISPENSABLE STABILIZING INFLUENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY. TOGETHER WITH YOUR OTHER ALLIES AND FRIENDS
IN ASIA WHO ARE IMMENSELY ENGROSSED WITH THE SAFEGUARD-
ING OF THEIR SECURITY AND THE PROMOTION OF THEIR ECON-
OMIC DEVELOPMENT, WE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ARE PLEASED
TO HEAR YOUR DECLARATION OF THE CONTINUITY OF AMERICA'S
CONCERN AND SUPPORT WITH REGARDS TO THESE MATTERS.

4. THE SITUATION IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD IS VERY
UNSTABLE. ACTS OF MILITARY AGGRESSION ARE UNABATED IN
INDOCHINA. THE CONTINUATION OF INFILTRATION AND SUBVER-
SION AGAINST MANY ASIAN COUNTRIES BY OUTSIDE FORCES
SERIOUSLY AFFECTS THE PEACEFUL PURSUITS OF THESE NATIONS.
YOUR ASSURANCE OF THE US STANDING BY ITS COMMITMENTS IN
ALL ITS FORMAL ALLIANCES SIGNIFIES RENEWED CREDIBILITY
OF AMERICA'S ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
BOOST THE CONFIDENCE AND VIGOR OF YOUR ALLIES AND
FRIENDS IN THE AREA.

5. AS FAITHFUL HEIRS TO THE AGE-OLD CHINESE CULTURAL
HERITAGE, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA ARE UNALTERABLY DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND
REFINEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL HUMANE WAY OF LIFE. THE
GOAL OF OUR NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION IS THE ERECTION AND
SOLIDIFYING OF A FREE, OPEN AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY IN
WHICH ALL OUR CITIZENS CAN ENJOY DIGNITY, ADVANCEMENT
AND HARMONY, AS CONTRASTED TO THE OPPRESSIVE SYSTEM
OF COMMUNIST TOTALITARIAN REGIMENTATION.

6. THROUGH THE SPONTANEOUS LABOR OF ITS OWN PEOPLE
AND WITH THE GENEROUS AID OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE
'50'S AND THE EARLY '60'S, THE ROC HAS BEEN ABLE TO
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FULFILL ITS RESOLUTION TO LAY A SOUND FOUNDATION FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ECONOMY THAT IS ORIENTED TO THE
WELFARE OF THE MASSES AND PROPELLED BY REASONABLE IN-
CENTIVE, CAREFUL PLANNING AND SELF-EMITTED DEVOTION.
WE HAVE ORDERLY AND PEACEFULLY TRANSFORMED A RURAL
SOCIETY INTO AN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY, RESULTING IN A
HIGH GROWTH RATE, EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
MANIFOLD INCREASE IN PER CAPITA INCOME. IT IS OUR

ASPIRATION THAT IN TACKLING AND SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS FOR OURSELVES, WE MAY SET A PATTERN FOR OTHER COUNTRIES SIMILARLY SITUATED.

7. EVER SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE ROC HAS BEEN CLOSELY

ASSOCIATED WITH THE US IN TIMES OF PEACE AND WAR. DURING THE PAST TWO DECADES, THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY IS A MAJOR CORNERSTONE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES. WE FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR VIEW THAT A STRONG DEFENSE IS THE SUREST WAY TO PEACE AND WEAKNESS INVITES WAR. THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR DEFENSE CAPABILITY IS NOT ONLY A PREREQUISITE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS BUT ALSO SERVES TO SUSTAIN A VITAL BULWARK OF THE FREE WORLD AGAINST ANY FORCE OF AGGRESSION WHICH SEEKS TO DISTURB THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC.

8. IN ALL OUR ENDEAVORS BASED ON SELF-RELIANCE AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE, WE IN THE ROC ARE ANIMATED WITH FEELINGS OF BROTHERHOOD AND GOODWILL TOWARDS OUR COMPATRIOTS AND OTHER PEOPLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD EXCEPT THOSE WHO SEEK TO SUBJUGATE AND DESTROY US.

9. THE HISTORICAL TIES BETWEEN THE US AND THE ROC ARE PERMEATED WITH DEEP AND BROAD SIGNIFICANCE WHICH TRANSCENDS OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. THIS FRIENDSHIP IS OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE TO US; AND TO THE OTHER ALLIES AND FRIENDS OF THE US IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION, IT ALSO SERVES AS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE MUTUALITY OF BENEFITS. WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR EMINENT ADMINISTRATION AND IN THE YEARS TO COME, THE CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES

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WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY WISE COUNSEL YOU MAY GIVE US ON HOW TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR TRADITIONAL COLLABORATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF COMMON INTERESTS.

10. WITH BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUCCESS AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING. YOURS SINCERELY, CHIANG CHING-KUO. UNQUOTE

11. WE ARE NOW PREPARING A REPLY.

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